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LOK SABHA

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POST KUTCH EARTHQUAKE WORK BY NGOS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the post Kutch earthquake work being done for artisans relief by Judu Frater in association with Kala Raksha for setting up of textile museum as reported in SPAN for March - April, 2001 at page No.23;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are providing all assistance to those NGOs that are helping the Kutch women artisans in particular; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHIR V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (d): The news item as reported in SPAN for March - April 2001 at page No.23, titled `Kutch Artisan Relief` is purportedly about the views expressed by Ms Judy Frater, Project Coordinator of Kala Raksha on the problems being faced by the artisans in Kutch Region after the recent earthquake in the State of Gujarat and for their rehabilitation. Government is aware of the post earthquake work being done for artisans relief by Ms Judy Frater in association with Kala Raksha.However it is not aware of setting up of textile museum by Kala Raksha as reported in the said Magazine.

As per information furnished by Kala Raksha, an NGO, they had extended various assistance in 10 villages in Kutch region after the earthquake thereby directly benefiting 3176 families. The assistance include providing commodities like Dabla (2710 Nos.), Tarpaulin (1885 Nos.), Food Kit (2760 Nos.), Flour pots (1100 Nos.), Flour bags (100 Nos.) Tents (15 Nos.) etc.

The Government has been inter-alia providing necessary assistance to the following NGOs who are helping the artisans including the women artisans in Kutch region.

(i) Kala Raksha, Bhuj.

(ii) Shrujan Trust, Bhuj and

(iii) Hast Kala Audyogk Sehkari Mandali Ltd., Bhuj.

However no proposals have been received under any scheme in the handicrafts sector from NGOs including Kala Raksha seeking assistance for artisans of Bhuj after the recent earthquake in Kutch region.